# **Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin**

InspireLearning! Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



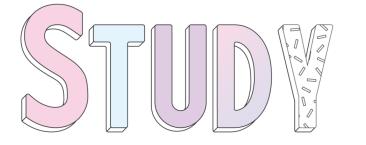


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### September 18th 2020

### **Practices & Policies**





The purpose of **Study Hall** is to provide a space for students who do not have consistent access to broadband and Wi-Fi at home and are in school that day for their in-person morning class. During both the lunch period (for those remaining for Study Hall) and Study Hall itself, students will not have in-person access to their own classroom teachers.

Students who choose to stay must be working on afternoon online courses and using their own technology. Students will be supervised by a staff member to ensure safety and will focus on participants' adherence to all Public Health requirements.

During Study Hall, students must:

- Pre-book on Appointment Manager found on Teach Assist. Appointments can be booked beginning on September 18. Study Hall will begin next week. Cohort B can book on September 21, 23 and 25. Cohort A can book on Tuesday, September 22 and 24. Students can only book for the day they attend for their in-person morning class.
- Teach Assist will not allow bookings on the day of Study Hall. Bookings must be made at least one day in advance.
- Sign in at the Information Desk upon entering for Attendance purposes. Please note a log of students who attend Study Hall will be maintained for contact tracing purposes.
- Be respectful of the learning needs of all participants engaging in online classes
- Understand this is a space for individual learning and not group study
- Bring their own technology including earphones. An appropriate volume should be used while focusing on their learning, preferably microphone-enabled earphones to reduce noise during interactive activities with the online class.
- Bring their own lunch from home and maintain a clean and healthy environment; there will be no food service in the cafeteria, leaving school to buy lunch, or having food

delivered.

- Understand they cannot leave the school to get lunch and then come to Study Hall. Students must arrive by 11:00. Students will not be allowed to enter Study Hall if they are late, therefore, transportation home will need to be arranged.
- Remain in the library to eat lunch to attend Study Hall (11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.). Students will be expected to leave the building at 3:00 p.m.
- Comply with the washroom break protocols (log in/out, be escorted by staff, use only designated washroom, etc.)
- Wear a mask at all times (except when eating lunch; practice hand hygiene before/after eating)
- Maintain a 2-meter distance
- Sit in the assigned seat in an area with students from their morning class (if any)
- Use a separate entrance and exit (1 door to enter the library; 1 door to exit the library)





# Textbooks

Markville's Main Office is collecting outstanding textbooks and materials. Please do not return textbooks to a teacher.

September 22 and September 24 - Cohort A students may return textbooks. September 21, 23 and 25 - Cohort B students may return textbooks.

All textbooks are to be returned to the Main Office - not to the subject teacher.



### SAFETY PROTOCOLS

## **COVID-19 school screening**

You must screen for COVID-19 every day before going to school.

Answer the following questions to help you decide if you should or should not go to school today.

You can fill this out on behalf of a student.

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Using this tool is optional and is not tracked or enforced. If your school board or public health unit has another screening process, you can use that instead.

This screening cannot diagnose you. If you have medical questions, consult a health care provider or your local public health unit.

Listen to the advice of your local public health unit first, as their advice overrules the advice in this screening.

# Start school screening



## **COVID-19 SELF-ASSESSMENT**

Before entering, please assess yourself:



#### In the last 14 days, have you, your child or other dependants:

Travelled outside of Canada, including the United States?

Had close contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case?

Had close contact with a person with acute respiratory illness who has been outside Canada, including the United States?

#### IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OR MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID-19:

- Do not enter and return home immediately
- Seek assessment and testing as early as possible at a COVID-19 Assessment Centre
- Self-isolate for 14 days (including any members of your household or people you had close contact with from 48 hours before symptoms)
- You must also self-isolate if you have been in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case in the
  past 14 days; and/or you have returned from travel outside Canada in the past 14 days

#### STAY INFORMED.

york.ca/covid19 1-800-361-5653 \*\* Last Updated August 26, 2020



### **Department Spotlight: Breakfast Club**



The Breakfast Club will be offering light snacks to students at least two mornings a week. The food items will be individually wrapped and handed to students by staff members who have organized the program. Students will be allowed to eat in their classrooms under their teacher's supervision. There will be no eating in the hallways. Students are to

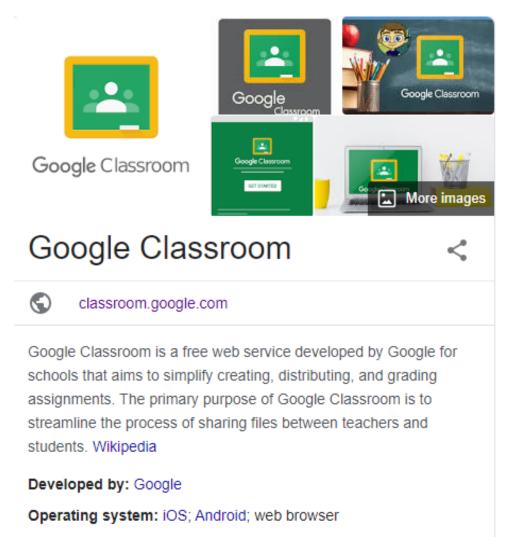
abide by the guidelines set in order to keep themselves safe and others safe. We are projecting that the program will be up and running by September 30.

### Tech Tip



### Google Classroom

Google Classroom is a popular resource among teachers to teach classes virtually. Google Classroom is a board approved green tool and part of the student's GAPP account. Students will be able to see current class assignments and if they have finished past assignments.



Initial release date: August 12, 2014

### Tweet of the Week @Markville YRDSB



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A great example of #MSS staff providing all the essentials in their #classroom! A warm welcome, #Sanitizer, & #disinfectant wipes! #englishteacher #WearAMask 1.10





### **Community Events**

## Mindfulness and Meditation for Youth Held at Markham Public Library Virtually



Monday, September 28, 2020 (7:30 PM - 8:15 PM)

### Mindfulness and Meditation for Youth

Monday, October 5, 2020 (7:30 PM - 8:15 PM)

To register click on the link below

https://markham.bibliocommons.com/events/5f515bca67ac023a00824b1e



### Credit International and Indigenous Languages (IIL) Classes Registration Open until <u>September 26</u>

Dear Families,

The International and Indigenous Languages (IIL) program provides elementary and secondary students with the opportunity to speak, read and write a new language or maintain heritage language and culture. Due to the pandemic, International and Indigenous Language classes for grades 9 to 12 students will take place **online**, not in the school buildings. Teachers will teach live language lessons in real time using Google Classroom to provide both synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities during the regularly scheduled language class.

Lots of information is also available on our<u>International and Indigenous webpages</u>. To learn more about secondary credit programs, click on <u>credit programs</u>. Below you will find information on how to register for secondary credit (grades 9 to 12) language classes.

#### Secondary Program Registration:

• Credit classes begin September 26, 2020. Secondary (Grades 9 to 12) IIL registration will not be accepted after the third class. Refer to our revised <u>brochure</u> for the most up-to-date information about class start dates and times.

#### YRDSB Students

• Please register on <u>myPathway Planner</u> before September 26.

For assistance, view the myPathway Planner<u>tip sheet</u>.

• After September 26, please download the <u>Registration Form</u> and send it by email to <u>international.languages@yrdsb.ca</u>.

#### **NON-YRDSB Students**

- Please download the <u>Registration Form</u>. Email the completed registration form to <u>international.languages@yrdsb.ca</u>.
- We will contact you for additional documentation if required.
- No consumable fees will be collected at this time.

More information on the <u>elementary</u> program and <u>secondary credit</u> program is available on our webpages. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (905) 884-2046 ext. 242 or email us at<u>international.languages@yrdsb.ca</u>. Thank you for your interest in our programs.

